

**Weekly Status and Information Report:
Week of November 20 - November 22, 2006**

Community Center Closed for Thanksgiving Weekend. The Takoma Park Community Center and City offices will be closed Thursday through Sunday, November 23-26. The Police Department will remain open. Access to the Police Department and Takoma Park's safest 24-hour ATM machine are via the front parking lot. Have a wonderful holiday! *(Community and Government Liaison)*

Reception for Councilmember Marc Elrich. A reception will be held on Monday, November 27 at 7 pm in the Community Center Atrium Lobby for Councilmember Marc Elrich, who has resigned from the City Council effective December 3, 2006 in order to serve on the Montgomery County Council. All are welcome! *(Community and Government Liaison)*

Main Street Takoma Design Committee Clean-Up. The Old Takoma Business Association (OTBA) Main Street Takoma Design Committee held the second Main Street Clean-Up event of the year last Saturday. The Design Committee plans to make the spring and fall clean-ups annual events, holding a Spring Clean-up prior to Earth Day, and a Fall Clean-up after the Street Festival. This volunteer-led activity is in addition to other programs including Adopt-a-tree, the Golden Roscoe Award, the Facade Improvement Grant Program and other efforts to beautify Old Takoma. For information on how to join this committee or other Main Street committees in their efforts, please contact Main Street Takoma at (240) 253-4229 or designcommittee@mainstreetakoma.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Joint Enterprise Zone Fair with Prince George's County (Wards 2, 3, 6). The second annual Fair to inform businesses and property owners of the incentives offered in the Enterprise Zone will be held December 6th. It will be from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the American Pest Management Building at 6460 New Hampshire Avenue. City Staff are working with Montgomery County and Prince George's County to target both sides of the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor and University Boulevard as there are similar benefits offered in both jurisdictions' Enterprise Zones. Speakers include the Capital Region SBDC, and economic development staff of both Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Staff will also kick-off marketing for the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor Facade Improvement Grant program that was recently funded through the State Community Legacy program. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Traffic Stops (Wards 2, 3 and 4). Officers conducted at least 48 traffic stops this week, 38 of which ended in written citations. More than half of the stops were made on Maple, New Hampshire, and Flower Avenues. *(Police Department)*

Police in Training. On November 20 & 21 Detectives Poole and Cannatella attended an Advance Regional Gang Seminar at the Maryland Police Training Commission, Sykesville, Maryland. *(Police Department)*

Hiring and Recruitment. A job offer was made and accepted by Ms. Kevetta Wilson who will join the agency as a Communications Dispatcher on December 11, 2006. The recruiting branch is also scheduling testing for Communications Dispatchers on December 16 and Police Officers on December 30th. In a continuing effort to recruit female and Hispanic applicants, the recruiting team will be announcing these testing dates in the The Washington Post, The Montgomery County Gazette and La Nacion or the Washington Hispanic. (*Police Department*)